United Nations E/ICEF/2018/L.7

Economic and Social Council

Distr.: Limited
13 June 2018

Original: English

For decision

United Nations Children's Fund
Executive Board
Annual session 2018
11–14 February 2018
Agenda item 3

Draft decision submitted to the Executive Board

Annual report for 2017 of the Executive Director of UNICEF

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the annual report for 2017 of the Executive Director of UNICEF (E/ICEF/2018/9), including the report on the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system and achievements against the Integrated Results and Resources Framework of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2014–2017 (E/ICEF/2018/9/Add.1), the annex on UNICEF implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, 2017 and the data companion and scorecard;

2. *Also takes note* of the UNICEF report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (E/ICEF/2018/11);

3. *Decides* to transmit the above-mentioned reports to the Economic and Social Council, along with a summary of the comments and guidance of the Executive Board;

4. *Recognizes* the inter-agency efforts being made to advance the common chapter and requests UNICEF to continue consultations with the United Nations funds and programmes on the harmonized format for common chapter reporting;

5. *Welcomes* the mentioning of the common chapter in the annual report and asks UNICEF to report on the status of the implementation of the common chapter, starting with the annual report for 2018 of the Executive Director, and to present the findings at the joint meeting of the Executive Boards and at the annual session;

6. *Requests* UNICEF to continue to engage with the Secretary-General, other United Nations development system entities and Member States with a view to supporting the full implementation of General Assembly resolutions 71/243 and 72/279, including its contribution to a smooth transition and business continuity of the resident coordinator system;

7. *Also requests* UNICEF, as a United Nations development system entity, to engage closely with the Secretary-General and Member States to support the preparation of a well-thought-out implementation plan for the inception of the reinvigorated resident coordinator

Please recycle

system, including on the operationalization of its funding arrangements, to be presented to the General Assembly;

8. *Further requests* UNICEF to present a preliminary analysis of the financial and other implications of resolution 72/279 for UNICEF to the Executive Board at its second regular session in 2018;

9. *Requests* UNICEF, in accordance with resolution 72/279, to provide its contribution to the adequate, predictable and sustainable funding of the resident coordinator system, in line with the forthcoming implementation plan for the inception of the reinvigorated resident coordinator system to be presented to the General Assembly, on an annual basis starting 1 January 2019;

10. *Recalls* Executive Board decision 2017/14 to improve future structured dialogues on financing and to present a proposal to the Executive Board no later than the second regular session of 2018 on how it plans to use the structured dialogue on financing as a tool to improve the quality and transparency of funding and to better match resources to the outcomes of the Strategic Plan, 2018–2021, and encourages UNICEF to provide in advance an overview of funding gaps in relation to the implementation of the Strategic Plan, 2018–2021, taking into account both regular and other resources;

11. *Welcomes* the UNICEF Executive Director's commitment to implementing resolutions 71/243 and 72/279 and in this regard encourages the secretariat of the Executive Board of UNICEF to work together with the secretariats of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the World Food Programme to produce a joint response to the joint meeting of the Executive Boards segment on working methods by no later than four weeks before the second regular session 2018, allowing for a consultation process among Member States ahead of that session of 2018;

12. *Encourages* the secretariat of the Executive Board of UNICEF to continue pursuing ways to improve the working methods of the Executive Board and to generate additional cost savings, including in the preparation of formal Executive Board documents in compliance with the rules on the official and working languages of UNICEF, and decides to consider the number of yearly field visits of the Executive Board of UNICEF at the September Board session 2018.